Inadequacies in Computer Centre of Income Tax Department

1200. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime last year a report was submitted to the Chief Income Tax Commissioner and the Central Board of Direct Taxes regarding the internal investigation made into the performance of the Income Tax Department's Computer Centre, Bombay highlighting gross inadequacies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the inadequacies in the Computer Centre of the Income Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A report in the matter was submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay. The report pointed out certain deficiencies in regard to the data storage capacity, maintenance of hardware, lack of Generating set, etc. at the Computer Centre, Bombay.

(c) The Government have already sanctioned additional data storage capacity at the cost of Rs. 5.31 lakh for the Computer Centre, Bombay. A Diesel Generating Set has also been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 3.51 lakh. Necessary improvements in the maintenance of hardware have also been carried out and the downtime of the machines has been minimised at the Computer Centre Bombay.

Shifting of certain Department of State Bank of India

1201. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI Management has shifted their Inspection and Audit Department from Bombay to Hyderabad in 1987;

(b) if so, whether SBI Management is also considering to shift Rupee Travellers Cheques, Inter Branch Reconciliation work, etc. from Bombay to Calcutta as they have been taken away from Calcutta to Bombay earlier; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-Distribution of Income Warrants to Investors by UTI

1202. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 20th June, 1992 captioned "Breach of trust by UTI";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the complaints the UTI does not send income distribution warrants to the investors in time; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken to infuse confidences in the investors on the credit-worthiness of UTI schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There have been some instances of delays in the despatch of dividend warrants to the investors by the Unit Trust of India (UTI) mainly on account of overwhelming response to its schemes. In case of